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Application Information

This application claims priority to U.S. Application No. 60/427,265, filed on November 18, 2002, and U.S. Application No. 10/060,048, filed on January 29, 2002, both of which are incorporated in their entireties by reference herein.

Background of the Invention

Oral cavity cancer is the sixth most common cancer in the United States. It is newly diagnosed in about 31,000 Americans each year and 350,000 people worldwide. One patient dies from oral cancer every hour in the U.S. alone.

Cancers of the mouth present in various forms. Any persistent white patch must be regarded as being suspicious. Additionally, velvety red patches- particularly those with white speckles- should be areas of concern. Finally, any non-healing ulcer (erosion) merits evaluation. More often than not, these areas are painless. The tongue is the most common site of oral cancer. Typically, the side of the tongue (farthest back in the mouth) is involved. The floor of the mouth (that area beneath the tongue) is next in order of frequency followed by the insides of the cheeks with involvement of other areas showing a lesser incidence.

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